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### **Current Positions:**

Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, University of Cambridge, 2018-

### **Education:**

Ph.D., Economics, University of Pennsylvania, 2018  
Dissertation: “*Essay in Labor Economics*”  
Advisors: Petra Todd, Christopher Flinn  
M.Phil., Economics, University of Pennsylvania, 2014  
M.A., Economics, Hanqing Institute, Renmin University of China, Beijing, 2013  
B.S/B.A., Mathematics/Finance, Renmin University of China, Beijing, China, 2010

### **Fellowships, Award and Grants:**

2018	Paul Taubman Memorial Prize for Empirical Economics Research (Established for the best empirical study, by a graduate student, in the past year)
2012-2017	Graduate Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania
2015-2016	TRIO Pilot Award – Population Studies Center, University of Pennsylvania, \$20,000
2014-2017	SAS Research Travel Grant, University of Pennsylvania

### **Working Papers:**

“**Distributional Effects of Local Minimum Wage Hikes: A Spatial Job Search Approach**” (Jan 2018)  
“**Personality Traits, Job Search and the Gender Wage Gap**” (Sep 2019), with Christopher Flinn and Petra Todd.  
“**Risk Attitude and Portfolio Choice: An Intra-household Perspective**” (Oct 2019), with Ran Gu and Cameron Peng

### **Publications:**

“**A Dynamic Model of Personality, Schooling, and Occupational Choice**”, with Petra Todd, Accepted at **Quantitative Economics**  
“**Personality Traits, Intra-household Allocation and the Gender Wage Gap**”, with Christopher Flinn and Petra Todd, **European Economic Review**, 109 (2018): 191-220.  
“**Welfare Reform and Children's Early Cognitive Development**”, with Hau Chyi and Orgul Demet Ozturk, **Contemporary Economic Policy**, 32.4 (2014): 729-751.

### **Teaching Experience:**

Lecturer, University of Cambridge  
Empirical Micro (PhD Course), Michaelmas 2018  
Labour Economics (MPhil S180), Lent 2019  
Policy Evaluation (PIIB, Paper 1), Michaelmas 2018, 2019  
Contracts & Regulations, Education & Health (PIIB, Paper 1), Lent 2018, 2019

Signalling, Wages Structure, Unions (PIIA, Paper 7), Lent 2018, 2019

Teaching Fellow, University of Pennsylvania

Econometrics III (PhD Course)	Instructor: Petra Todd, Fall 2016
Health Economics	Instructor: Juan Pablo Atal, Fall 2016
Social Choice	Instructor: Sangmok Lee, Spring 2016
Public Finance	Instructor: Uriel Spiegel, Fall 2015
Instruction to Econometrics	Instructor: Xu Chen, Fall 2014
Statistics for Economists	Instructor: Francis Ditraglia, Spring 2014

**Professional Activities:**

Service

Referee for *Macroeconomic Dynamics*(2), *International Economic Review*(4)

Organized conferences

- 2019 Workers, Firms and Labour Markets Workshop (Cambridge)
- 2019 European Doctoral Group in Economics - EDGE Jamboree (Cambridge)

Selected presentations

- 2019 AMSE 2019, Renmin University of China, "Opportunities, Mobility and Well-Being" conference (Warsaw), IAAE 2019, UPenn, NYU, 15th IZA & 2nd IZA/CREST Conference on Labor Market Policy Evaluation
- 2018 UNC Chapel Hill, CUHK, Tsinghua, RHUL, University of Cambridge, University of Melbourne, UTS, SOLE 2018, SED 2018, 8<sup>th</sup> Search and Match Annual Conference, EALE 2018 (Lyon), EEA-ESEM Cologne, RHUL (Workshop on the Economics of Education and Expectations)
- 2017 SEHO 1st Annual Meeting, WEAI 92<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference, Asian Meeting of the Econometric Society, China Meeting of the Econometric Society, NYU
- 2016 18<sup>th</sup> ZEW Summer Workshop
- 2015 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Economic Graduate Student Conference, Inaugural RES Symposium of Junior Researchers
- 2011 The 16<sup>th</sup> World Congress of International Economic Association, Tsinghua Workshop in Macroeconomics

**Computer skills:**

Matlab, Fortran (OpenMP, MPI), R, Stata

**Language skills:**

English (fluent), Chinese (native)